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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OREP, BR  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL MATHIAS

REF: STATE 30264

1. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ITINERARY CONTAINED REFTTEL BE POSTPONED OR ALTERED TO AVOID SENATOR'S ARRIVAL IN BRAZIL DURING CARNIVAL WEEK AS NOW PROPOSED. SENATOR SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL LIFE IN BRAZIL COME TO A VIRTUAL HALT DURING THIS PERIOD. OFFICES AND FACILITIES FOR OTHER THAN ESSENTIAL SERVICES ARE CLOSED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND DURING PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 28 MOST UPPER AND MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS IN BRASILIA WILL BE OUT OF TOWN OR OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, APPOINTMENTS WITH KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS, OR BUSINESSMEN WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE REPEAT IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE DURING THE EXTENDED HOLIDAY WEEKEND (FEB. 19-23: SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY). WHILE EMBASSY IS WILLING TO TRY FOR APPOINTMENTS ON FEBRUARY 24-25: THURSDAY-FRIDAY, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC, SINCE OFFICIALS WILL ONLY BEGIN DRIFTING BACK DURING THAT PERIOD AND MANY WILL NOT APPEAR AT THEIR OFFICES UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY.

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2. IN RIO, A MEANINGFUL PROGRAM FOR THE SENATOR WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE IN VIEW OF THE TOTAL ABSORPTION OF MANY CARIOCAS WITH CARNIVAL AND THE EXODUS OF OTHERS FROM THE CITY TO ESCAPE IT. HOTEL SPACE IN RIO DURING CARNIVAL WEEK WAS COMPLETELY BOOKED UP WEEKS, IF NOT MONTHS, AGO AND WE CAN BY NO MEANS GUARANTEE ACCOMMODATIONS THERE; THE CONSUL GENERAL IS UNABLE TO OFFER

THE USE OF HIS RESIDENCE DUE TO PRESENCE OF FAMILY MEMBERS.

3. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT VISIT AS SCHEDULED WOULD PROVE  
OF LITTLE, IF ANY, VALUE IN MEETING THE SENATOR'S  
PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS, WE URGE THAT  
HE GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO REVISING ITINERARY SO  
AS TO ARRIVE HERE AFTER MARCH1.  
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